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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRESS JANUARY 16 REPORTS THAT IN EXCHANGE OF REMARKS AT DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT FOR VISITING CUBAN DELEGATION, PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID "DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH" WHICH EXIST BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND CUBA OVER ANGOLA SHOULD NOT TURN TWO COUNTRIES INTO ENEMIES. TWO STATES SHARE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS, BUT THERE ARE BOUND BE DIFFERENCES EVEN AMONG TRUE REVOLUTIONARIES OVER CERTAIN ISSUES, KAUNDA SAID. HE ADDED ZAMBIA HOPES DIFFERENCES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROACH NOW EXISTING ON ANGOLA WILL LEAD TWO COUNTRIES TO MEET

FREQUENTLY TO FIND SOLUTION TO PROBLEM. IN RESPONSE, CUBAN DELEGATION LEADER CIENFUEGOS AGREED THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE DIFFERENCES AMONG REVOLUTIONARIES, ADDING THAT THOSE OVER ANGOLA WERE "LOGICAL DIFFERENCES IN SEARCH OF LOGICAL SOLUTION." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: FACT ZAMBIANS EXTENDED HOSPITALITY TO CUBAN DELE-GATION AND KAUNDA SPOKE TO THEM AS HE DID INDICATES ZAMBIAN LEADER BELIEVES HE CAN ACHIEVE MORE THROUGH SOFT. REASONED APPROACH AND PERHAPS MORAL SUASION TO DISLODGE CUBANS FROM ANGOLA THAN BY SNUBBING THEM OR BY CLEAR POLITICAL BREAK. PRIOR CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, ZAMBIAN - CUBAN RELATIONS HAD BEEN BECOMING CLOSER, STIMULATED BOTH BY KAUNDA'S VISIT TO HAVANA LAST APRIL AND BY ZAMBIAN EXPECTATION OF SUBSTANTIAL CUBAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN EXPANSION OF SUGAR PRODUCTION, PERHAPS ON EASIER TERMS THAN OFFERED BY WESTERN COMMERCIAL INTERESTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN ZAMBIA. APART FROM PRESSING ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, THERE ARE IDEOLOGICAL REASONS AS WELL. KAUNDA PROBABLY RELUCTANT SEE RUPTURE OF ZAMBIAN TIES WITH IMPORTANT "THIRD WORLD" COUNTRY. HENCE. APPARENT AGREEMENT TO DISAGREE ON QUESTION OF ANGOLA. WILKOWSKI

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